

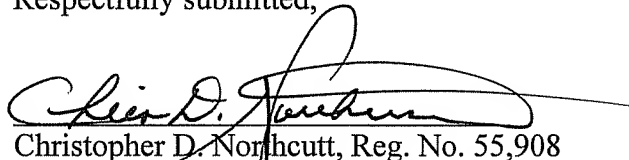
REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-37, 39-46, and 51-56 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111826, having Potter as the inventor (hereinafter "the Potter Application"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,000,828, issued to Leet. As outlined to the Examiner in a voice message from Jeffrey S. Whittle, Applicant filed a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 on November 19, 2004, which provided evidence that Applicants conceived and reduced to practice Applicants' claimed invention prior to October 2000, with Applicants' 11/19/04 Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Dated August 26, 2004. The December 7, 2000 priority date of the Potter Application antedates Applicants' conception and reduction to practice already of record before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Pursuant to the Examiner's voice message in response to Jeffrey S. Whittle's message, Applicants files this Response showing that the Potter Application is not a proper reference because it is not prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner remove the rejection, and Applicants respectfully submits that Claims 1-37, 39-46, and 51-56 are in condition for allowance. In view of the remarks set forth herein, Applicants respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course.

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